

CHAPTER XXXIV.

An Act in relation to the Examination of Witnesses.

SECTION 1. When parties may be examined as witnesses.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*When parties
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SECTION 1. Whenever an assignor of a thing in action or contract, or the payee or indorser of a negotiable instrument, is examined as a witness on behalf of any person, whether assignee, indorsee, executor, or administrator, deriving title through or from him, the adverse party may offer himself as a witness to the same matter in his own behalf, and shall be so received, and to any matter that will discharge him from any liability that the testimony of such assignor, payee, or indorser, tends to fix upon him; *Provided*, That the testimony of such adverse party shall be confined to matters transpiring prior to the transfer or assignment by such assignor, payee or indorser.

Approved, March 5, 1863.

CHAPTER XXXV.

*An Act relating to the Fees of Witnesses in Criminal Cases.*SECTION 1. Witness fees in criminal cases.
2. When act to take effect.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. The County Commissioners of any county

in this State, are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to allow and cause to be paid from the county treasury, fees to witnesses attending in criminal proceedings either in behalf of the State or of the defendant, before any Court having criminal jurisdiction in said county; *Provided*, That such fees shall not exceed the fees now allowed by law in civil actions; *And provided further*, That no such allowance shall be made except upon the certificate of the Clerk of the Court, or officer before whom the witnesses attended, certifying to such attendance.

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Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 5, 1863.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

An Act to amend Section Thirty-two, of Chapter Forty-four, of the Public Statutes, relating to the Payment of Debts and Legacies.

Section 1. Amendment to Section 32, Chapter 44, of the Public Statutes. Probate Court may extend time for paying debts and legacies.

2. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That Section 32, of Chapter 44, of the Public Statutes, relating to the payment of debts and legacies, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 32. The Probate Court may, on the application of the Executors or Administrators, from time to time, as the circumstances of the estate may require, extend the time for paying debts and legacies, not exceeding one year at a time, nor so that the whole time allowed to the

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